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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-242943, published September 8, 2000.
2. K. Yamamoto et al., "0.8-Numerical-Aperture Two-Element Objective Lens for the Optical Disk", Jpn. J. Appl. Phys. Vol. 36, Part 1, No. 1B, (January 1997), pp. 456-459.

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5. R. Katayama et al., "Land/Groove Signal and Differential Push-Pull Signal Detection for Optical Disks by an Improved 3-Beam Method", Jpn. J. Appl. Phys., Vol. 38, Part 1, No. 3B, (March 1999), pp. 1761-1767.

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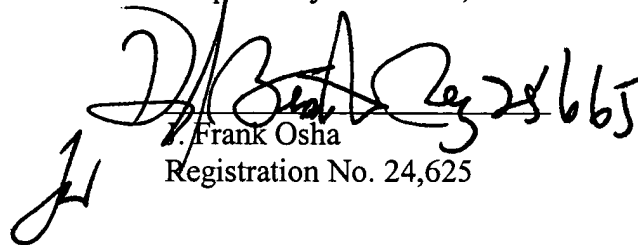
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